Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515–2201

April 27, 2022

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for "Little Traverse Wheelway Repair/Reconnection" in fiscal year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is Top of Michigan Trails Council, located at 1687 M-119, Petoskey, MI 49770.

The funding would be used to repair the "Resort Bluffs" section of the popular and highly used Little Traverse Wheelway, a non-motorized multipurpose trail that connects the communities of Charlevoix, Bay Harbor, Petoskey, and Harbor Springs. The Wheelway is an important transportation option, quality of life amenity, and iconic tourist attraction that brings in an estimated \$1M in annual economic activity from upwards of 116,000 trail uses. Used approximately equally by local residents and visitors, repair of the Little Traverse Wheelway will restore a beloved community amenity and an important driver of our tourism economy.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Jack Bergman

Member of Congress